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THE STANDARD.

SPEECH

OF

WENDELL PHILLIPS, ESQ.,

AT THE

COOPER INSTITUTE, NEW YORK,

On Tuesday Evening, Dec. 22, 1863, on President

Lincoln's Message and Proclamation.

A large audience assembled at Cooper Institute, Tuesday evening, Dec. 22d, to hear Wendell Phillips' criticism on the President's last message and Proclamation.

John E. Williams, Esq., was nominated by G. W. Smalley, to preside, and in a few patriotic remarks introduced the orator of the evening.

Wendell Phillips, after the applause with which he was received, began, said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Four years ago this day, on the banks of the brown he loved, self-sacrifice, which strews the name of conservatism, sneered at his life as a ridiculous folly.

The rebellion has broken into the cabinets of the conspirators; and we know of a surety, that the whole of the South, hard as it was to bear, the vicious Presidents, and to submit to the Southern Slave State, would have gladly accepted such a master as John Brown.

Four years ago, he was a lamb. We know better now.

He bows to you. He seeks to do your will. With all his merits (and they are great), with his service (and they are numerous), the President does not act simply from his own unbiased convictions. He bows to you.

His anxiety is not South, over Europe, but in northern canon; and anxiety is North, over Europe.

He bows to you. He believes in the iron grip of the czar.

He bows to you. He is a leader.

